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Resistance by him and others in Lincolnshire to the Royal Loan, 1626–7.

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IN a letter by William Coddington, governor of Rhode Island, to Gov. Leverett of Massachusetts, in the year 1674, we find narrated some particulars of his life. Speaking of his early days in 1627, in Boston, Lincolnshire, he says: "We persecuted not but stood together for the public good." "I was one of those many Lincolnshire Gentlemen that denied the Royal Loan, and suffered for it in King Charles the first Days." This circumstance occurred ten years before the celebrated trial of Hampden. Desirous of illustrating this fact in Coddington's life, I requested my excellent friend B. Beedham, Esq., of Ashford House, near Kimbolton, England, to explore the subject by means of the State Calendars. Mr. Beedham was very successful, as will appear from the following exposition, now presented for the first time to the readers of the Register.

vij° Marcij 1626 at Lincoln.

The names of such Comissioners as refused to lend his ma^{tie} any mony in his tyme of necessytie, or to enter bond for there appearance at the Counsell bord, according to the instruccons.

S^{r} John Wray Barronett
S^{r} Willm Army^{n} Barronett
S^{r} Thomas Grantham Knight
Sir Edward Ascoug^{h}
Willm Anderson Esq^{r}
Willm Tharrold Esquier
S^{r} Thomas Darnell

S^{r} Anthony Irbie Knight refused to lend, but did enter bond for his appearance at the counsell boarde the xxiijth of this instant March. [This entry is crossed out with a pen in the original, but is still legible.]

Norwood.

[Indorsed in contemporary hand]
Loane in Lincolneshire
Refractorie p'sons
vij° Marcij 1626

Notes.—The original is found in vol. 56 for the reign of Charles I. of the State Papers, Domestic Series, and is numbered 39 in that volume. In the printed Calendar the first date is given as March 6, but in the original it is thus, vij°, which is clearly 7.

The old print, as to date, 7th March, 1626, is, of course, according to our reckoning, 1627, the year then beginning not until 25th March. So in the printed Calendar this document appears under 1627.

Att Lincoln 9 March 1626

John Whitinge, maior of Boston, beinge formerly called before his ma^tie Commissioners, & by them required to ayde his ma^tie in this way of loane, and havinge refused, was againe called before vs whose names are vnderwritten, and demanded if he still contynued in the same mynde, answered he did, And that he would not lend any mony in this kinde, And beinge told by the Commissioners that such as refused & contynued in that mynde, incurred his ma^tes highe displeasure; Nevertheles he still refused; And beinge required to become bounde by obligacon to his ma^tie in the Some of ffifty pounds for his appearance before the Lordps of his ma^tes most hōble privie Counsell at Whitehall the xix^th day of this instant, alsoe refused to be bounde.

Edward Tilson, Alderman of Boston having^e as much sayde vnto him as was sayde to the Mayor, refused to lend the Kinge so small a Some as xx^s, or to so enter bond for his appearance.

Atterton Howghe of Boston refused to lend or enter bond for his appearance, & sayde that if he suffered, he did obey.

Edmond Jackson of Boston refused to lend, or enter into bond for his appearance.

Beniamen Diconson of Boston refused to lend or enter into bond for his appearance.

Thomas Leverett of Boston refused to lend or to become bounde for his appearance.

Thomas Lowe of Boston refused to lend, or to enter into bond for his appearance.

Thomas Tooly of Boston refused to lend or to enter into bond for his appearance.

John Coppyn of Boston refused to lend y^e small Some of xx^s or to enter into bond for his appearance.

Willm̄ Coddington of Boston refused to lend, or to enter into bond for his appearance.

Willm Condy of Boston refused to lend the small some of xx^s or to enter into bond for his appearance.

Richard Westland of Boston refused to lend or enter bond.

[In margin, opposite Richard] 12 in Boston refused.

Thomas Godfrey of Grantham esquier refused to lend or to become bounde for his appearance.

Christopher Hart of Tattershall refused to lend or enter into bond for his appearance; bycause he saw so many emynent men refuse.

Thomas Bedle of Tattershall refused to lend or enter into bond for his appearance.

[An entry of two lines erased, and now quite illegible, and in margin] Aveland consents by M^r Jo. Turrold of Morton esqr to pay xl^s.

John Wyncopp of Kirkby vnderwoode refused to lend, or enter into bond for his appearance.

Willm Harbie the elder of Billingborow refused to lend, or enter into bond for his appearance.

Willm Diconson of Billingborow refused to lend or enter into bond for his appearance.

John Diconson of Billingborow refused to lend or enter into bond for his appearance, but sayth that in the way of a pliament he will give any thinge.

[An entry of ten lines erased, and in margin] consents.

[A similar entry Erased, and in margin] submitts & consents

Edward Chamberlayne of ffolkington refused to lend or to enter into bond for his appearance.

Thomas Walcott of Walcott gent. refused to lend or enter into bond for his appearance.

[An entry of three and a quarter lines erased and in margin] consents & conformes himself.

Edward Chamberlayne of Newton refused to lend or enter in bond for his appearance.

Nehemiah Rawson of Revesbie refuseth to lend or enter in bond for his appearance.

All these men abouewritten had as much sayde unto them severally, as is sett downe to be saide to the Maior of Boston.

[On another sheet, but part of the same document.]

x° marcii 1626

Sr Thomas Darnell of Appleby Barronett beinge asked by the Commissioners if he contynued in the same mynde he was for not lendinge his matie mony in his tyme of necessytie, refused to lend any, & beinge told that such as refuse doe incurre the Kings highe displeasure, he answered, he hoped he should have the liberty of a subiect to dispose his mony & estate at his pleasure. And beinge required to enter bond for his appearance before the lords of his mats hõble privie Counsell at Whitehall the xxijth day of this instant march. Refused.

Jarvase Scroope of Cokerington esqr beinge required in the same manner to lend, Refused; And did enter bond for his appearance at the counsell boarde the xxijth day of this instant march.

Willm Skynner of Thornton colledge Esq refused to lend, or enter into bond for his appearance.

John Broxholme of Barrowe esquier refused to lend or enter into bond for his appearance.

Thomas Harvie of Kirton in holland refused to lend or enter into bond for his appearance.

Thomas ffranklin of Kirton in holland refuseth to lend or enter into bond for his appearance.

Robert Roe of Algarkirk refused to lend or enter bond for his appearance. And is dismissed of the traynd band, & pressed by the Earle of Rutland to serve in the warres wth the Kinge of Denmark.

Matthew Kirk of Algarkirk refused to lend or enter bond.

Robert Palmer of Algarkirk refused to lend the Kinge any mony, or enter bond for his appearance.

John Pakie of Sutterton refused to lend, or enter bond.

Daniell Maior of Sutterton refused to lend, or enter bond.

Willm Howson of Sutterton refused to lend, or enter bond.

Richard Tunnerd of Sutterton refused to lend, or enter bond.

John Randall of Sutterton refused to lend, or enter bond.
Abraham Metcalfe of Sutterton refuseth to lend, or enter bond.
Josias Sympson of Sutterton refuseth to lend or enter bond.
Hughe Hewetson of Sutterton refuseth to lend or enter bond.
Thomas Baker of Sutterton refuseth to lend or enter bond.
John Baker of Sutterton refuseth to lend or enter bond.
Robert Pickfield of Sutterton refuseth to lend or enter bond.
John Browne of Sutterton refuseth to lend or enter bond.
Willm Ambrose of Sutterton refuseth to lend or enter bond.
Thomas Jeoffrey of Gosberton refuseth to lend or enter bond.
Willm Howett of Donyngton in Holland refuseth to lend or enter bond.
Josua Cust of Pinchbeck refuseth to lend or enter bond.
Willm Harvie of Pinchbeck refuseth to lend or enter bond, and beinge remanded vppon his alleagance to appear before the lords of the counsell at Whitehall on the xxijth of this moneth; Refused.
James Rawlins of Pinchbeck (gardian for the heires of Nicholas Gaunte) refuseth to lend. or enter bond.
Tirringham Norwoode of Spaldinge Esquier refuseth to lend or enter bond for his appearance. [In margin, opposite this name] This man is suspected to have diswaded the contry.
John Welby of Moulton esq sent his refusall by his servant Robert Welby.
John Mason of Moulton refuseth to lend or enter bond.
Thomas Welby of fframpton refuseth to lend or enter bond, and was comanded to appeare at the counsell boarde at Whitehall the xxijth of this instant March. Refused.
Thomas Palmer of Holbech refused to lend o^{r} enter bond, And was Comanded to appeare at the counsell borde the xxijth of this instant march. Refused.
Joell Stowe of Holbech refused to lend, or enter bond and was Comanded to appeare at the Counsell boarde at Whitehall the xxijth of this instant March.
Richard Parke of ffleete refused to lend or enter bond, and is Comanded to appeare at the Counsell boarde the xxijth of this instant March.
Edwarde Cogges of ffleete refused to lend or enter bond and is Comanded to appeare at the Counsell boarde at Whitehall the xxijth of this instant March.
Thomas Beckett of ffleete refused to lend, or enter bond and is Comanded to appeare at the Counsell boarde at Whitehall the xxijth of this instant March.
Theophilus Humbleton of ffleete refuseth to lend or enter bond, and is comanded to appeare at the Counsell boarde at Whitehall the xxijth of this instant March.
Willm Watson of ffleete refuseth to lend, or enter bond and is Comanded to appeare at the Counsell boarde at Whitehall the xxijth of this instant March.
Willm Palmer of ffleete refuseth to lend or enter bond.
[Two lines erased and in margin opposite] he consents & submits.
Richard Gun of Sutton St. James refuseth to lend or enter bond.
Ruben Parke of Sutton Lutton refuseth to lend or enter bond.

68 refuse.

S[r] John Wray S[r] Thomas Grantham S[r] Edward Aschough	Gatehouse
S[r] William Army[n] S[r] Thomas Darnell William Anderson Esq and The Maio[r] of Boston Alderman Tilson	ffleete
William Tarold Esquier Norwood Esq[r]	Marshalsey

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[Indorsed in contemporary hand]
Refractories
Lincolnshire

Notes.—The answer of John Dieonson is worthy of notice. He would give nothing in this illegal way, but whatsoever a Parliament might impose he would willingly pay. The commissioners for the loan, several of whom themselves refused payment, and suffered imprisonment on account of their refusal, would gladly repeat this answer.

There is no parish of "Sutton Lutton" either in Lincolnshire or elsewhere; the clerk evidently has made a mistake. Besides Sutton St. James, there are in Lincolnshire three parishes; Sutton St. Edmunds, Long Sutton or Sutton St. Mary's, and Sutton in the Marsh. There is also the hamlet of Sutton Bourne in the parish of Long Sutton.

The uncommon name here written Wyncopp is still found in Lincolnshire under the form of Whineup.

Alterations must have been made in the original after the "68 refuse" was written.

The "trayned band" was equivalent to the militia of the present day. John Gilpin was "a train-band Captain," at one time, we know. Poor Robert Roe fared badly, being "pressed" into the King's Army. The Gatehouse, The Fleet and The Marshalsea were well-known prisons to which these gentlemen were committed. This copy is literal, of course, and the punctuation (or absence of it) in the original is adhered to. "Holland" is one of the three "Parts" into which the county of Lincoln is divided, the other two being Kesteren and Lindsey.

May it please your Lo[ps]:

At my being at Glocester I certifyed y[r]: Lo[ps]: of our proceedings then in the Loane to his Ma[tie]: and return'd the names of such Gentlemen as then refus'd to subscribe or lend, and though at that place we had indifferent successe with the inferiour sort; scarce any denying but such as wee then införd y[r]. lo[ps]: of yet in other parts of that Shire wee found many that did refuse. I cannot say that the example of the first refusers occasioned the denyall of others for wee could not discover any combination or plott, but the numbers were great; and the most eminent of them wee haue charg'd vppon their alleagiance to be ready to appeare whensoever they shall he call'd. a list of which as likewise the bonds shall be sent vp with all conuenient speed. Since that time we finde the refusers not only to multiply in numbers, but to be farr more refractory than the former; insomuch as they refuse to subscribe, lend or to be bound to appeare before the Councell to answeare their contempts. Their names I haue sent here inclosed and referre them to y[r]: lo[ps] whither the denyall of the gentlemen at first or their impunity hitherto, haue more occasioned the obstinancy of soe many, and imboldned the inferiour ranks to make such peremptory refusalls, I must remitt to y[r]: Lo[ps]: iudgments, only I thinke it my duty to offer one thinge to y[r] considerations. That if ther be not some instant and speedy course taken with such as haue

soe bouldly denyed, whither the seruice which remaines to be done may not suffer (I will not say totally) in a great part of what otherwise might be expected. howsoeuer I shall continue in the same course and will endeauour all good wayes and meanes that may conduce to his Ma$^{ti\,cs}$: ends. I haue imparted to the Comissioners and others his Ma^{ties}: gracious acceptance of their labours, and haue sent y^{r}. lo^{pps}: a List of such as haue been most industrious in this seruice in the seuerall diuisions. I shall humbly desire y^{r}: lo^{pps} to signify y^{r}: pleasure to me concerning these dangers that I may proceed accordingly with the rest. Soe I remaine euer

Att y^{or}. lo^{pps} seruice

Teuxbury
March. 2
1626.

W. Northampton

[Addressed] To the right Honorable the Lords of his Ma^{ties}: most Honorable Privy Councell these

[Indorsed] Lrē from the Earle of Northampton concerning the clothiers generall refuse. [In another hand] The Clothiers generaly refuse.

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